**ABSTRACT** 

A mechanism is disclosed for engaging in interactive photo gaming with user ratification.

The mechanism can be used to provide a picture-tag game or other games. In a picture-tag

game, for instance, a user designated as "IT" tags another user by capturing a photo of the other

user. The photo is then transmitted to a game host, which distributes it to the participating

players' devices. Upon receipt of the photo, a device presents the photo and prompts a user to

acknowledge that the photo represents the user, i.e., that the user has been tagged. The device

then sends the acknowledgement to the game host, and the game host notifies the players who is

now designated as IT.

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